

Attorney Docket No. 43889-934
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer No.: 20277

Fumio SUMI, et al. : Confirmation No.: 8512

Serial No.: 09/538,513 : Group Art Unit: 2653

Filed: March 30, 2000 : Examiner: Kimlien T Le

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated April 23, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire July 23, 2004, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.